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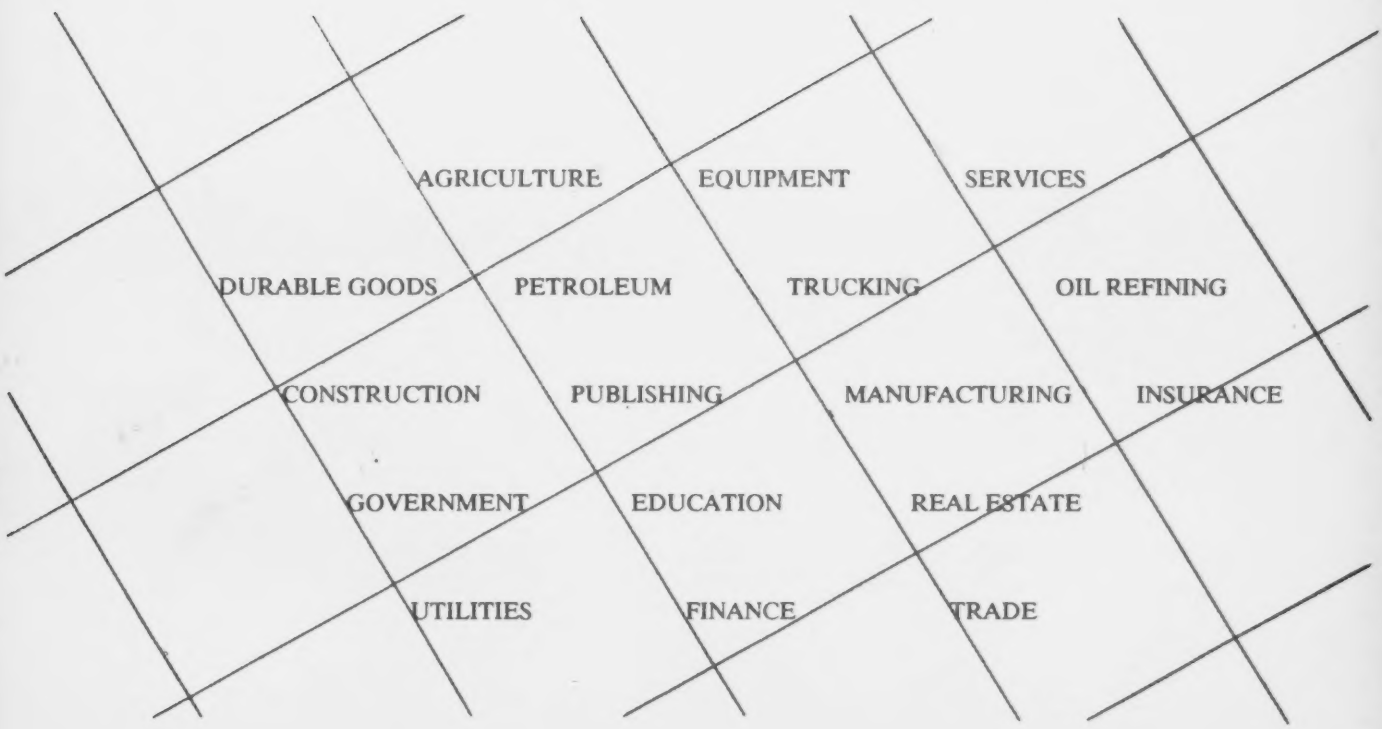

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EMPLOYMENT RISES IN OCTOBER

Employment increased to 1,411,900 in October, up 8,100 from the September level. This increase was primarily the result of a 14.2 percent rise in the agriculture sector of the household survey and the 2.4 percent rise in the public sector of nonagricultrual employment based on the payroll survey series. As a result of the increased labor force and a slight rise in unemployment, the jobless rate moved up to 6.2 percent, compared to the revised 6.1 percent in September.

Total employment is still lagging behind a year age, down 40,600, but the trend is improving and the jobless level continues substantially below last year's level.

NONFARM JOBS RISE MONTHLY

Wage and salary employment at Oklahoma business firms was estimated to have reached 1,110,000 in October, advancing 3,200 from the previous month. A seasonal gain in government accounted for most of the job growth over the month. More specifically, a total of 5,900 employees were added to the public sector, mainly at public schools, colleges and universities.

In addition to the government gains, manufacturing rose by 300 and an estimated 200 more people were employed in the mining industry. Conversely, monthly losses were reported in the five other major industry divisions statewide. In these latter industries, services led the downturn with 1,900 fewer workers, followed by construction (-600), trade (-400), finance-insurance-real estate (-200), and a 100 drop in transportation-public utilities.

In spite of recent growth in wage and salary employment, this October's total remained 1,400 below the October 1987 level.

Lower job levels in mining, construction, and trade were the major downside changes over the year. On a more positive note, gains were posted by the service industry as well as manufacturing. Services recorded the largest upturn with 5,600 more jobs while manufacturing gained by 4,100.

MANUFACTURING WAGES UP SLIGHTLY

In manufacturing, 115,200 production workers averaged $428.48 during the survey week in October, up $5.61 from the corresponding week in September. This was also slightly higher than the average weekly earnings posted in October of last year.

Hourly wage rates have stabilized during the past 12 months and all of the increase is due to a longer average scheduled workweek.

As has been the trend over the past several months, durable goods workers have realized a weekly gain while their counterparts producing nondurables have seen their wages slip. Durable goods was up almost $10.00 per week from September and also a year ago. Nondurables was unchanged over the month, but down $7.00 from October, 1987.

Among the published nonmanufacturing industries, weekly earnings are up slightly over the year in construction and oil-gas extraction, while the other three have lost ground over the past 12 months.

COUNTY JOBLESS RATES RISE IN OCTOBER

Unemployment rates rose in 46 of Oklahoma's 77 counties in October when compared to rates for the previous month. This is the normal trend for the September-October estimation period.

At the same time, 22 counties had lower rates and 5 were unchanged. The only MSA with a lower rate was Tulsa, which went from 6.7 to 6.6 percent. Hughes county continues to have the highest unemployment rate (14.6 percent), while a low 2.9 percent was estimated in Woods county.

The number of jobless, expressed as a percentage of the labor force is still much improved when compared to the October 1987 levels. There are still 42 counties with lower rates, 32 are higher, and 3 remain static.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - OCTOBER 1988

ALL URBAN COMSUMERS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(1982 - 84 = 100)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	INDEX	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	PERCENT CHANGE SEPTEMBER,1988 MONTH AGO	PERCENT CHANGE OCTOBER 1987 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS	120.2	100.000	0.3	4.2
FOOD & BEVERAGE	120.3	17.607	0.2	5.2
HOUSING	119.9	42.479	0.0	3.8
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	120.7	6.335	2.5	4.6
TRANSPORTATION	110.0	17.451	0.3	2.7
MEDICAL CARE	141.2	5.828	0.6	6.7
ENTERTAINMENT	121.8	4.368	0.4	4.2
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES (PERSONAL CARE)	140.6	5.931	0.4	6.8

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	5.0%
OKLAHOMA	6.2%
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	5.2%
TULSA MSA	6.6%
LAWTON MSA	5.8%
ENID MSA	5.3%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS
IN MANUFACTURING
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	41.2
OKLAHOMA	41.5
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	43.0
TULSA MSA	42.1

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	PRODUCTION WORKERS	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1988p	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.2	428.48	422.87	425.17	41.2	40.7	41.0	10.40	10.39	10.37
Durable Goods	73.5	464.12	454.57	454.71	41.7	41.1	41.3	11.13	11.06	11.01
Stone,Clay & Glass	8.3	478.93	472.26	489.28	42.8	42.7	44.0	11.19	11.06	11.12
Primary Metal Ind.	3.4	445.91	448.59	487.08	43.0	43.3	44.2	10.37	10.36	11.02
Fab.Metal Products	11.3	393.82	385.12	372.53	42.9	41.5	41.3	9.18	9.28	9.02
Fab.Struct.Metals	4.9	380.22	388.50	365.43	42.2	42.0	42.1	9.01	9.25	8.68
Mach.Except Elect.	22.3	457.85	459.95	466.75	41.1	41.4	42.9	11.14	11.11	10.88
Oil Field Machinery	4.4	351.20	377.03	425.25	35.8	38.2	40.5	9.81	9.87	10.50
Elec.& Elec. Equip.	5.9	451.55	449.11	434.43	41.2	41.7	40.3	10.96	10.77	10.78
Transport. Equip.	15.6	571.86	533.61	522.73	40.5	38.5	38.1	14.12	13.86	13.72
Instr./Related Prod	1.9	450.67	474.90	459.85	45.8	45.1	43.3	9.84	10.53	10.62
Non-Durable Goods	41.7	365.52	366.00	372.89	40.3	40.0	40.4	9.07	9.15	9.23
Food & Kindred Prod	8.7	342.63	341.94	330.34	42.3	41.7	41.5	8.10	8.20	7.96
Apparel & Other Text.	8.0	195.00	190.08	188.42	37.5	37.2	36.8	5.20	5.11	5.12
Paper & Allied Prod.	2.9	412.45	413.50	469.13	40.2	40.9	40.2	10.26	10.11	11.67
Printing & Publish.	5.5	361.67	381.12	415.23	39.7	39.7	41.9	9.11	9.60	9.91
Newspapers & Period.	1.8	314.86	330.79	393.30	34.6	35.8	42.2	9.10	9.24	9.32
Petroleum Refining	3.9	578.45	528.03	544.70	41.2	40.4	41.9	14.04	13.07	13.00
Non-Manufacturing										
Oil & Gas Extract.	18.5	481.07	480.78	468.15	41.4	42.1	42.1	11.62	11.42	11.12
Construction	25.5	429.46	438.06	425.26	39.4	40.3	37.6	10.90	10.87	11.31
Public Utilities	21.6	520.49	513.11	526.79	40.6	39.9	40.9	12.82	12.86	12.88
Wholesale Trade	44.6	370.66	356.51	381.60	39.6	38.5	39.3	9.36	9.26	9.71
*Retail Trade	117.8	193.44	193.73	199.04	31.2	31.5	31.1	6.20	6.15	6.40

**Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE

SUMMARY TABLE

(*By Place of Residence)

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,505.1	1,494.9	1,551.2	0.7	10.2	-46.1
Unemployment	93.2	91.1	98.7	2.3	2.1	-5.5
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.1	6.4	XX.XX	XX.XX	XX.XX
Total Employment	1,411.9	1,403.8	1,452.5	0.6	8.1	-40.68
Domestic Service, Self-Employed, Unpaid Family Workers	136.2	135.3	138.0	0.7	0.9	-1.8
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2

**Labor force data refers to place of residence, as required by the U. S Department of Labor. As a result, these estimates remove the effect of multiple jobholders and nonresident commuters included in wage and salary employment on a place-of-work basis. Workers idled by labor disputes are counted in total employment.*

p = preliminary
r = revised

NON-AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(By place of Work)

INDUSTRY	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
Total Wage & Salary Workers	1,110.0	1,106.8	1,111.4	0.3	3.2	-1.4
Manufacturing	158.8	158.5	154.7	0.2	0.3	4.1
Durable Goods	98.5	98.0	95.2	0.5	0.5	3.3
Lumber & Wood Prod.	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	10.1	10.0	9.9	1.0	0.1	0.2
Primary Metal Industries	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Fabricated Metal Prod.	15.0	14.9	14.3	0.7	0.1	0.7
Fab.Struct.Metal Prod.	6.9	6.9	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.5
Machinery Exc.Electrical	31.1	31.1	29.4	0.0	0.0	1.7
Constr. & Related Mach.	10.2	10.3	9.2	-1.0	-0.1	1.0
Oil Field Machinery	6.4	6.5	5.8	-1.5	-0.1	0.6
Gen.Industrial Mach.	5.1	5.1	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.4
Elect.& Electronic Equip.	8.8	8.7	8.8	1.1	0.1	0.0
Transportation Equip.	19.5	19.3	19.2	1.0	0.2	0.3
Motor Vehicle & Equip.	10.9	10.9	11.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Aircraft & Parts	7.8	7.7	7.5	1.3	0.1	0.3
Instruments & Rel.Prod.	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Non-Durable Goods	60.3	60.5	59.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.8
Food & Kindred Prod.	14.0	13.9	14.1	0.7	0.1	-0.1
Apparel & Textile Prod.	9.0	9.1	8.8	-1.1	-0.1	0.2
Paper & Allied Prod.	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.3
Printing & Publishing	10.9	10.9	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Newspapers & Period.	5.5	5.6	5.6	-1.8	-0.1	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	7.1	7.2	7.4	-1.4	-0.1	-0.3
Petroleum Refining	6.4	6.5	6.7	-1.5	-0.1	-0.3
Rubber/Misc.Plast.Prod.	11.3	11.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.7
Tires & Inner Tubes	6.2	6.2	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.5
Non-Manufacturing	951.2	948.3	956.7	0.3	2.9	-5.5
Mining	43.3	43.1	46.2	0.5	0.2	-2.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	40.9	40.7	43.5	0.5	0.2	-2.6
Construction	31.5	32.1	34.1	-1.9	-0.6	-2.6
HV Const.Contractors	7.4	7.4	7.9	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Transp.& Pub. Utilities	61.2	61.3	62.2	-0.2	-0.1	-1.0
Transportation	33.7	33.8	33.9	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trucking & Warehousing	16.0	15.8	16.2	1.3	0.2	-0.2
Pipe Lines,exc.Nat.Gas	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Comm.&Elec/Gas/San Service	27.5	27.5	28.3	0.0	0.0	-0.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	266.5	266.9	268.7	-0.1	-0.4	-2.2
Wholesale Trade	58.1	57.9	59.3	0.3	0.2	-1.2
Retail Trade	208.4	209.0	209.4	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0
Gen.Merchandise Stores	28.1	28.0	30.4	0.4	0.1	-2.3
Department Stores	11.2	11.3	12.3	-0.9	-0.1	-1.1
Food Stores	38.4	37.7	35.3	1.9	0.7	3.1
Auto.Dlrs/Ser.Station	24.8	25.2	25.2	-1.6	-0.4	-0.4
Apparel & Acces.Stores	12.3	12.0	12.8	2.5	0.3	-0.5
Fin,Insur.& Real Estate	56.5	56.7	58.0	-0.4	-0.2	-1.5
Banking	18.1	18.2	18.8	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7
Credit Agenc.OT Banks	9.5	9.6	9.3	-1.0	-0.1	0.2
Insurance Carriers	8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	239.0	240.9	233.4	-0.8	-1.9	5.6
Hotels & Lodging Places	12.5	12.4	12.1	0.8	0.1	0.4
Personal Services	12.6	12.4	12.8	1.6	0.2	-0.2
Motion Pictures	1.1	1.2	1.3	-8.3	-0.1	-0.2
Health Services	76.2	75.8	74.2	0.5	0.4	2.0
Hospitals	29.3	29.2	29.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Educational Services	12.2	11.7	11.9	4.3	0.5	0.3
Government, Total	253.2	247.3	254.1	2.4	5.9	-0.9
Federal Government	49.5	49.4	51.7	0.2	0.1	-2.2
State and Local Government	203.7	197.9	202.4	2.9	5.8	1.3
*State Government	73.2	72.3	72.0	1.2	0.9	1.2
Local Government	130.5	125.6	130.4	3.9	4.9	0.1

p=preliminary
r=revised

* Employment levels for State Government as measured by full-time equivalent (FTE) are as follows; OCT, 1988 = 58,095. A FTE is based on a 40-hour work week and an average 173-hour work month. The FTE count is determined by dividing total person-hours worked per month by 173.

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OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE DATA

METROPOLITAN AREAS AND COUNTIES

	AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	OCT 88	SEP 88	OCT 87
	U. S.	116,250,000	6,182,000	122,432,000	5.0	5.2	5.7
	OKLAHOMA	1,411,900	93,200	1,505,100	6.2	6.1	6.4
	COUNTIES						
1	ADAIR	7,770	470	8,240	5.7	6.5	6.1
2	ALFALFA	3,230	140	3,370	4.2	2.8	3.3
3	ATOKA	7,760	480	8,240	5.8	5.4	6.3
4	BEAVER	2,810	110	2,920	3.8	3.5	3.0
5	BECKHAM	7,120	650	7,770	8.4	8.0	7.1
6	BLAINE	5,920	310	6,230	5.0	4.6	4.8
7	BRYAN	13,110	830	13,940	6.0	5.8	6.9
8	CADDO	11,410	1,030	12,440	8.3	9.4	8.6
9	CANADIAN	33,150	1,700	34,850	4.9	4.9	6.0
10	CARTER	18,900	1,450	20,350	7.1	7.4	7.4
11	CHEROKEE	14,490	1,210	15,700	7.7	7.7	8.2
12	CHOCTAW	4,750	480	5,230	9.2	9.2	9.5
13	CIMARRON	1,600	80	1,680	4.8	5.6	4.1
14	CLEVELAND	78,900	4,250	83,150	5.1	4.8	5.2
15	COAL	2,320	280	2,600	10.8	9.7	11.4
16	COMANCHE	44,975	2,750	47,725	5.8	5.4	4.6
17	COTTON	3,040	120	3,160	3.8	4.6	4.7
18	CRAIG	6,250	390	6,640	5.9	6.0	6.3
19	CREEK	26,025	2,175	28,200	7.7	7.6	8.1
20	CUSTER	13,280	650	13,930	4.7	4.2	5.3
21	DELAWARE	10,930	690	11,620	5.9	5.7	6.1
22	DEWEY	2,220	120	2,340	5.1	4.1	5.2
23	ELLIS	3,030	110	3,140	3.5	3.5	3.2
24	GARFIELD	27,325	1,525	28,850	5.3	4.8	5.6
25	GARVIN	11,530	930	12,460	7.5	7.2	6.8
26	GRADY	16,290	1,460	17,750	8.2	8.0	7.9
27	GRANT	2,770	110	2,880	3.8	3.5	3.0
28	GREER	2,890	100	2,990	3.3	4.8	4.2
29	HARMON	1,650	100	1,750	5.7	6.4	6.1
30	HARPER	2,190	110	2,300	4.8	4.0	3.4
31	HASKELL	3,890	540	4,430	12.2	12.3	11.6
32	HUGHES	4,510	770	5,280	14.6	13.0	12.3
33	JACKSON	10,330	620	10,950	5.7	5.8	5.7
34	JEFFERSON	3,470	240	3,710	6.5	5.1	6.9
35	JOHNSTON	3,690	250	3,940	6.3	5.9	5.9
36	KAY	24,325	1,275	25,600	5.0	4.8	4.8
37	KINGFISHER	6,310	270	6,580	4.1	4.7	5.1
38	KIOWA	5,010	240	5,250	4.6	4.9	4.8
39	LATIMER	4,310	410	4,720	8.7	9.1	8.2
40	LEFLORE	18,090	1,480	19,570	7.6	6.9	5.5
41	LINCOLN	11,190	970	12,160	8.0	7.2	8.2
42	LOGAN	13,070	600	13,670	4.4	4.5	4.2
43	LOVE	3,820	220	4,040	5.4	4.8	5.0
44	McCLAIN	10,450	580	11,030	5.3	5.2	5.6
45	McCURTAIN	14,230	1,100	15,330	7.2	6.6	7.6

	COUNTIES	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	OCT 88	SEP 88	OCT 87
46	McINTOSH	6,660	270	6,930	3.9	4.1	4.7
47	MAJOR	3,470	210	3,680	5.7	5.4	6.3
48	MARSHALL	4,120	290	4,410	6.6	6.5	6.2
49	MAYES	13,050	1,080	14,130	7.6	8.1	8.4
50	MURRAY	5,520	410	5,930	6.9	7.2	7.1
51	MUSKOGEE	28,575	2,625	31,200	8.4	9.3	8.4
52	NOBLE	4,710	200	4,910	4.1	5.6	5.6
53	NOWATA	3,990	370	4,360	8.5	7.7	7.7
54	OKFUSKEE	5,370	400	5,770	6.9	6.5	7.6
55	OKLAHOMA	303,725	16,900	320,625	5.3	5.2	5.5
56	OKMULGEE	13,550	1,425	14,975	9.5	10.0	9.1
57	OSAGE	15,800	1,075	16,875	6.4	6.5	4.6
58	OTTAWA	10,975	1,075	12,050	8.9	8.1	9.3
59	PAWNEE	6,970	600	7,570	7.9	8.5	8.4
60	PAYNE	30,350	1,400	31,750	4.4	4.1	4.0
61	PITTSBURG	15,725	1,800	17,525	10.3	10.3	11.4
62	PONTOTOC	16,310	990	17,300	5.7	5.3	6.2
63	POTTAWATOMIE	24,825	1,625	26,450	6.1	6.6	6.6
64	PUSHMATAHA	3,940	360	4,300	8.4	6.1	6.2
65	ROGER MILLS	2,000	120	2,120	5.7	6.0	5.0
66	ROGERS	22,150	2,210	24,360	9.1	8.9	8.4
67	SEMINOLE	9,080	1,120	10,200	11.0	10.4	10.2
68	SEQUOYAH	16,120	1,160	17,280	6.7	6.1	4.8
69	STEPHENS	16,100	1,300	17,400	7.5	7.7	8.1
70	TEXAS	7,950	390	8,340	4.7	4.2	4.7
71	TILLMAN	4,430	240	4,670	5.1	4.6	4.8
72	TULSA	231,850	15,475	247,325	6.3	6.4	7.2
73	WAGONER	18,950	1,360	20,310	6.7	6.3	7.1
74	WASHINGTON	22,720	1,130	23,850	4.7	4.4	4.8
75	WASHITA	5,060	390	5,450	7.2	5.7	6.3
76	WOODS	5,280	160	5,440	2.9	2.6	3.2
77	WOODWARD	8,320	750	9,070	8.3	7.2	7.1
	OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	464,100	25,600	489,700	5.2	5.1	5.5
	TULSA MSA	314,800	22,300	337,100	6.6	6.7	7.2

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

A	-NORTHWEST	33,400	1,800	35,200	5.1
B	-SOUTHWEST	47,300	2,900	50,200	5.8
C	-NORTH CENTRAL	78,000	4,000	82,000	4.9
D	-SOUTH CENTRAL	110,200	7,700	117,900	6.5
E	-CENTRAL	361,000	19,600	380,600	5.1
F	-TULSA	273,700	18,700	292,400	6.4
G	-EAST CENTRAL	92,300	6,900	99,200	7.0
H	-SOUTHERN	87,100	6,100	93,200	6.5
I	-NORTHEAST	90,100	6,900	97,000	7.1
J	-EASTERN	106,100	8,500	114,600	7.4
K	-SOUTHEAST	64,900	6,200	71,100	8.7
L	-CLEVELAND	67,800	3,900	71,700	5.4

OKLAHOMA CITY
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	401.6	401.5	402.9	0.1	-1.3
MANUFACTURING	47.9	48.0	47.0	-0.1	0.9
DURABLE GOODS	32.9	33.0	32.2	-0.1	0.7
Primary & Fabricated Metals	4.2	4.3	4.3	-0.1	-0.1
Fab.Struc.Metal Products	1.7	1.8	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Machinery	13.9	14.0	13.6	-0.1	0.3
Mach. Except Electric	10.9	11.0	10.7	-0.1	0.2
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	10.3	10.2	10.0	0.1	0.3
NON-DURABLE GOODS	15.0	15.0	14.8	0.0	0.2
Food and Kindred Products	5.3	5.3	5.1	0.0	0.2
Printing & Publishing	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
MINING	10.5	10.8	11.3	-0.3	-0.8
CONSTRUCTION	12.4	12.2	13.0	0.2	-0.6
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	19.4	19.2	19.4	0.2	0.0
Transportation	9.8	9.6	9.4	0.2	0.4
Comm. & Public Utilities	9.6	9.6	10.0	0.0	-0.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	99.3	99.9	100.5	-0.6	-1.2
Wholesale Trade	22.1	22.0	22.4	0.1	-0.3
Retail Trade	77.2	77.9	78.1	-0.7	-0.9
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	23.7	23.8	24.3	-0.1	-0.6
Banking	5.5	5.5	5.8	0.0	-0.3
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Insurance Carriers	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	90.8	91.5	90.2	-0.7	0.6
Health Services	25.9	26.2	25.6	-0.3	0.3
Hospitals	11.6	11.7	11.4	-0.1	0.2
Educational Services	4.6	4.5	4.7	0.1	-0.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	97.6	96.1	97.2	1.5	0.4
Total Federal Government	28.6	27.9	29.9	0.7	-1.3
Total State/Local Gover.	69.0	68.2	67.3	0.8	1.7
Total State Government	34.3	34.3	33.6	0.0	0.7
Total Local Government	34.7	33.9	33.7	0.8	1.0

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OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA ,

(Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties)

Total employment in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area fell by 900 during the September-October estimation period and now stands at 464,100. This is a 3.2 percent drop from the year-age estimated level.

Unemployment rose 400 over the month, but was still 8.2 percent under the October 1987 level. This combination of factors produces a 5.2 percent jobless rate for the current month, lower than the 5.5 percent posted last year.

Led by a 1,500 increase in the public sector, total wage and salary employment managed a net gain of 100 in the Oklahoma City MSA in October. At the other end of the spectrum, jobs in the private sector fell by 1,400 in the same period. Similar to last month, most of the government gain was centered in state and local divisions where education continued to add support staff at some of the later opening institutions. Minor job gains were made in construction and transportation-public utilities, but the remaining industries fell back over the month.

Wage and salary jobs are still lagging some 1,300 below last October's level but have shown year-to-year improvement over the past several months. Manufacturing, service, and government have registered gains over the year to offset some of the losses in the other industrial components.

Manufacturing production workers in the Oklahoma City MSA worked 42.1 hours at $11.65 per hour for $490.47 per week during October according to averages compiled from the survey of firms representing 34,700 workers in the area. This weekly average compares to $474.50 in September, a $15.97 increase over the 30-day period.

Durable goods workers have increased their average pay as rates rose and the workweek expanded over the month and compared to last year. On the other hand, nondurables average weekly pay has fallen almost $19.00 as the workweek has contracted and wage rates have fallen slightly.

OKLAHOMA CITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	489,700	490,200	507,700	-500	-18,000
Unemployment	25,600	25,200	27.900	400	-2,300
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.1	5.5	XXXXX	XXXXX
Employment	464,100	465,000	479,800	-900	-15,700

OKLAHOMA CITY
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	490.47	474.50	461.54	42.1	40.8	40.7	11.65	11.63	11.34
Durable Goods	534.60	509.21	487.63	42.7	40.9	40.2	12.52	12.45	12.13
Prim. & Fab. Metals	405.00	398.03	387.90	45.1	43.5	41.8	8.98	9.15	9.28
Machinery	563.28	533.82	515.82	42.9	41.0	41.2	13.13	13.02	12.52
Nondurable Goods	375.44	382.45	394.15	40.5	40.6	42.2	9.27	9.42	9.34
Food & Kindred Products	327.66	323.14	347.85	44.1	43.2	45.0	7.43	7.48	7.73
Printing & Pub.	360.46	372.99	409.25	36.3	37.6	39.2	9.93	9.92	10.44

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TULSA
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	291.6	292.4	289.4	-0.8	2.2
MANUFACTURING	48.7	48.8	47.0	-0.1	1.7
DURABLE GOODS	37.6	37.5	35.7	0.1	1.9
Stone,Clay & Glass Products	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metals	10.9	10.9	10.0	0.0	0.9
Primary Metal Industries	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	9.0	9.0	8.2	0.0	0.8
Fab. Struc.Metal Products	4.6	4.6	4.1	0.0	0.5
Machinery	12.6	12.8	12.4	-0.2	0.2
Mach.Except Electric	9.7	9.7	9.3	0.0	0.4
Const.& Related Machinery	3.8	3.7	3.6	0.1	0.2
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.1	0.1
Transportation Equipment	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	11.1	11.3	11.3	-0.2	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	2.0	2.1	1.9	-0.1	0.1
MINING	15.0	14.9	15.3	0.1	-0.3
CONSTRUCTION	9.3	9.8	9.5	-0.5	-0.2
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	23.8	24.0	23.3	-0.2	0.5
Transportation	15.9	16.0	15.3	-0.1	0.6
Comm.& Public Utilities	7.9	8.0	8.0	-0.1	-0.1
TRADE	68.4	69.2	70.6	-0.8	-2.2
Wholesale Trade	17.5	17.7	17.5	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	50.9	51.5	53.1	-0.6	-2.2
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	17.3	17.4	17.5	-0.1	-0.2
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.5	0.0	-0.4
SERVICES	72.5	72.3	70.6	0.2	1.9
Health Services	22.8	22.4	22.4	0.4	0.4
Hospitals	11.7	11.6	12.0	0.1	-0.3
Educational Services	4.8	4.5	4.9	0.3	-0.1
GOVERNMENT	36.6	36.0	35.6	0.6	1.0
Federal	4.0	4.1	4.1	-0.1	-0.1
State	5.8	5.7	5.1	0.1	0.7
Local	26.8	26.2	26.4	0.6	0.4

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TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

(Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties)

The unemployment rate in the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area declined in October to 6.6 percent. Unemployment did not change from the revised September estimate, but the lower rate resulted from a 2,200 increase in employment during the month. Unemployment dropped 2,600 since October, 1987, while employment shrank by 4,300, resulting in a .6 percentage point drop in the unemployment rate over the year.

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment in the Tulsa MSA slipped to 291,600 in October, a drop of 800 from the revised September estimate. Three of eight industry groups posted employment gains during the month. The largest gain occurred in government and resulted from local government job increases related to the State Fair. Services and mining combined to all 300 more jobs during the month. The trade industry led the downturn with 800 jobs lost, while construction reduced employment 500 and the three remaining industries had a combined loss of 400. Over the year comparisons show an overall gain of 2,200 wage and salary jobs. The service industry added 1,900 new jobs, while manufacturing gained 1,700, government increased 1,000, and transportation/public utilities expanded by 500. Retail trade posted an annual job loss of 2,200, while the remaining three industries accounted for 700 total job reductions.

Average weekly earnings for the 31,200 manufacturing production workers in the Tulsa MSA was $450.05 in October, virtually unchanged from the revised September figure. A nine-cent per hour decrease in the average hourly earnings was offset by a .3 hour increase in the average weekly hours. Durable goods workers weekly paychecks were up over eight-dollars as their work-week increased by .9 hours. Non-durable good workers, on the other hand, earned almost forty-dollars less due to a 43 cent drop in their average hourly earnings and 2.4 fewer weekly hours. Comparison with the October, 1987 hours and earnings indicate the average weekly earnings for all manufacturing production workers have increased slightly more than six-dollars due to a one-half hour longer work week and a two-cent rise in hourly earnings.

TULSA
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	337,100	334,900	344,000	2,200	-6,900
Unemployment	22,300	22,300	24,900	0	-2,600
Unemployment Rate	6.6	6.7	7.2	XXXXX	XXXXX
Employment	314,800	312,600	319,100	2,200	-4,300

TULSA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	450.05	450.60	443.87	42.1	41.8	41.6	10.69	10.78	10.67
Durable goods	470.73	462.45	456.87	42.6	41.7	41.8	11.05	11.09	10.93
Prim & Fab. Metals	434.70	425.39	402.48	45.0	43.9	43.0	9.66	9.69	9.36
Machinery	420.86	397.65	402.57	41.1	39.1	40.5	10.24	10.17	9.94
Non-Durable Goods	358.30	398.04	386.65	39.9	42.3	40.7	8.98	9.41	9.50
Printing & Pub	428.81	504.22	468.18	40.8	44.7	46.4	10.51	11.28	10.09

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ENID METROPOLITAN AREA

(Garfield County)

The unemployment rate in the Enid Metropolitan Statistical Area rose to 5.3 percent in October. The key factor in the one-half percentage point jump from the revised September unemployment rate was the 150 increase in number of unemployed during the month. Employment also grew by 150 during the month, but the increase was insufficient to offset the rise in the unemployment rate. Unemployment was still 150 less than the October, 1987 figure, but employment stands at 1,050 lower than the year-ago level.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment was unchanged from the revised September estimate for the Enid MSA. Durable goods manufacturing employment declined by 100 during the month, but was offset by the 100 job increase in services. Employment slumped 500 lower over the year. Durable goods manufacturing, mining, retail trade, services, and state government all reflected job levels of 100 lower than in October, 1987.

ENID
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
ITEM	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	28,850	28,550	30,050	300	-1,200
Unemployment	1,525	1,375	1,675	150	-150
Unemployment Rate	5.3	4.8	5.6	XXXXX	XXXXX
Employment	27,325	27,175	28,375	150	-1,050

ENID
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
Industry	OCT 1988p	SEP 1988r	OCT 1987r	SEP 88 OCT 88	OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	21.6	21.6	22.1	0.0	-0.5
MANUFACTURING	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
DURABLE GOODS	0.6	0.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
MINING	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
CONSTRUCTION	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
TRADE	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	4.8	4.8	4.9	0.0	-0.1
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.6	5.5	5.7	0.1	-0.1
GOVERNMENT	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.0	-0.1
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
State	0.8	0.9	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Local	2.3	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.0

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LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

(Comanche County)

Total employment in the Lawton Metropolitan Statistical Area fell to 44,975 in October, down 475 from the revised September estimate. At the same time, unemployment rose 150, bringing the jobless rate up to 5.8 percent.

Unemployment now stands 20.1 percent higher than a year ago, while the employment level was 4.9 percent lower.

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment fell 500 in October. The normal increase in staffing of educational units of state and local government were adequate to offset the normal seasonal declines in service and trade, but fell short of covering losses in federal government.

Over the year, losses were not significant, except in the federal government sector. Manufacturing continued to show strength in the Lawton area.

LAWTON
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER OCT 1988p	NUMBER SEP 1988r	NUMBER OCT 1987r	ABSOLUTE CHANGE SEP 88 OCT 88	ABSOLUTE CHANGE OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	47,725	48,050	49,575	-325	-1,850
Unemployment	2,750	2,600	2,275	150	475
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.4	4.6	XXXXX	XXXXX
Employment	44,975	45,450	47,300	-475	-2,325

LAWTON
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS OCT 1988p	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS SEP 1988r	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS OCT 1987r	ABSOLUTE CHANGE SEP 88 OCT 88	ABSOLUTE CHANGE OCT 87 OCT 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	32.7	33.2	33.6	-0.5	-0.9
MANUFACTURING	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
DURABLE GOOD	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
TRADE	8.4	8.7	8.5	-0.3	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.0	1.1	1.0	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	7.4	7.6	7.5	-0.2	-0.1
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.7	5.9	5.9	0.2	0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.0	11.0	11.8	0.0	-0.8
Federal	5.0	5.3	5.7	-0.3	-0.7
State	1.3	1.2	1.2	0.1	0.1
Local	4.7	4.5	4.9	0.2	-0.2

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